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## **TENNESSEE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING EXAMINERS AWARDS GRANTS TO SEVEN TENNESSEE UNIVERSITIES**

**Nashville, TN**—The Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners have awarded grants totaling \$200,000 to seven state-funded universities. These grant funds allow Tennessee colleges to purchase essential and modern instructional, computer and laboratory equipment to enhance education for students in accredited architectural, engineering, and interior design programs.

“The Board appreciates the opportunity to assist in providing state-of-the-art instructional equipment for architecture, engineering and interior design students,” said John Cothron, Executive Director of the Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners.

Receiving grant funds this year are:

- Middle Tennessee State University--\$3,637 to the College of Education and Behavioral Science for the interior design program. Funds will be utilized to purchase a computer laboratory server and software.
- Tennessee State University--\$19,378 to the College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science. Funds will be utilized to purchase a blade server for the Cyber Security Systems Laboratory.
- Tennessee Technological University--\$34,068 to the College of Engineering. Funds will be utilized to purchase a solar cell testing machine for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, data acquisition devices and temperature probes for the Chemical Engineering Department, a combination lathe-mill-drill for the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department's Integrated Systems Laboratory, and digital oscilloscopes, a type of electronic test equipment, for the Mechanical Engineering Department.
- University of Memphis--\$19,089 to the College of Engineering; \$2,424 to the College of Communication and Fine Arts for the interior design program. Funds will be utilized to purchase a digital output broadband seismograph system to be used in the Civil Engineering structural and geotechnical laboratories and a track lighting system for the interior design student project display area.

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- University of Tennessee-Chattanooga—\$18,475 to the College of Engineering and Computer Science; \$2,323 to the College of Health, Education and Professional Studies for the interior design program. Funds will be utilized to purchase an instructor's workstation, studio visualization equipment, student workstations, and applications software for a MiniSim computational simulation and design studio and equipment to outfit an interior design studio with smart technology.
- University of Tennessee-Knoxville--\$43,616 to the College of Architecture and Design; \$40,365 to the College of Engineering. Funds will be utilized to purchase a 3D printer and scanner, computer workstations, and computer laboratory software for the College of Architecture and Design and a flash photolysis instrument for the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, which is used to determine kinetic constants in chemical reactions.
- University of Tennessee-Martin--\$16,625 to the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences. Funds will be utilized to purchase equipment and software for the Digital Technology and Development Teaching Laboratory to enhance student instruction.

"The Department of Commerce and Insurance regulates and licenses 128 professions through 22 Boards and Commissions. The day to day role of these boards and commissions is oversight," said Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Leslie Newman. "We are thrilled when there is occasion to provide resources to improve and enrich these professions, in this case, students studying architecture, engineering and interior design."

Grant funding is provided from the Board's revenues or reserve funds. The Tennessee General Assembly and Governor Bredesen authorized funding for the grants (2007 Public Acts, Chapter 603, Section 50). The Board has awarded over \$1.2 million in grant funds since the inception of the program in 2002.

For more information on the Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners, visit <http://tennessee.gov/commerce/boards/ae/> or call 615-741-3221 or 800-256-5758 (toll-free).

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